



# Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

## Fellowship in Qur'anic Studies

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, a Royal Chartered institution, is dedicated to the advanced multidisciplinary study of Islam and the Muslim world.

Applications are invited for a Fellowship from candidates actively engaged in teaching and research in Qur'anic Studies. Applicants should demonstrate a strong command of classical Islamic sources, together with a critical awareness of modern scholarship and contemporary approaches to the study of the Qur'an. They will have a doctorate in Qur'anic Studies or a related field, a strong research profile, and demonstrated teaching ability at undergraduate and graduate levels.

The successful candidate will be elected to a Fellowship at the Centre and will be expected to play an active role in its academic life through teaching, research, publication and the development of scholarly projects within a multidisciplinary environment. The postholder may also be awarded the title of Islamic Centre Lecturer by the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Oxford.

The Fellowship is tenable for an initial period of five years, renewable. A competitive salary will be offered, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The holder will be eligible for membership of USS.

Application letter, curriculum vitae and list of publications should be sent to the Assistant Registrar at [recruitment@oxcis.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@oxcis.ac.uk), no later than **25 July 2026**. Applicants should arrange for three referees to write directly to the Assistant Registrar by the same date.

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## FURTHER PARTICULARS

### 1. Overview of the Post

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies invites applications for a Fellowship in Qur'anic Studies.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate a strong command of classical Islamic sources, together with a critical awareness of modern scholarship and contemporary approaches to the study of the Qur'an.

The postholder will be engaged in advanced teaching, research, and publication in Qur'anic Studies, contributing to the intellectual life of both the Centre and University of Oxford's Faculty of Theology and Religion.

The successful candidate will be elected to a Fellowship of the Centre, for a period of five years, renewable, subject to review. The postholder may be eligible to apply for the conferment of the title of Associate Professor under the University's Recognition of Distinction procedures.

The Fellow will be a full-time employee of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, reporting to the Director, and will be provided with office accommodation and membership of the Centre's Common Room.

**Salary: £45,635 – £53,376 per annum** (depending on qualifications and experience)

#### **Benefits include:**

- 27 days' annual leave, in addition to public holidays
- Membership of the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS)
- Access to the Centre's academic facilities and collegiate environment
- A relocation allowance, where applicable, of £6,000

### 2. Main Duties and Responsibilities

#### **A. Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies**

The Fellow's principal obligations will be to contribute to teaching, research, and publication at the highest academic standard, and to develop scholarly projects within a multidisciplinary environment, alongside participating fully in its academic and intellectual life.

Core responsibilities include:

- **Teaching:**  
Providing up to an average of six hours of teaching per week during full term. This may include lectures, seminars, tutorials, and the design and delivery of short courses or specialised programmes.

- **Academic Programming:**  
Preparing lecture materials, reading lists, and supporting resources; organising seminars, workshops, conferences, and scholarly events aligned with the Centre’s objectives.
- **Research and Publication:**  
Undertaking advanced independent research in Qur’anic Studies, producing work of international scholarly standing, and contributing to the Centre’s publications programme. The Fellow will be expected to pursue opportunities for external research funding where appropriate.
- **Scholarly Engagement:**  
Contributing to collaborative and interdisciplinary research initiatives, both within the Centre and with external academic partners.
- **Academic Administration and Service:**
  - Serving on Centre committees as required
  - Participating in the admission processes for Centre scholars
  - Providing pastoral and academic guidance to students affiliated with the Centre
- **Collegial Contribution:**  
Actively participating in the Centre’s academic and social life, including in its intellectual community and social activities.

## **B. Faculty of Theology and Religion**

The Fellow will contribute to teaching under the direction of the Faculty Board and may be recommended for the title of Islamic Centre Lecturer in Qur’anic Studies. The teaching commitment will be equivalent to approximately half that of a full-time Associate Professor within the Faculty.

Responsibilities will normally include:

- Delivering lectures and classes for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes (typically up to 16 hours or equivalent annually) on Islam in the classical period.
- Supervising four to six graduate students
- Supervising up to two doctoral candidates
- Preparing lecture materials, course outlines, reading lists, and reference guides
- Participating in examining, assessment, and admissions processes
- Acting as a point of contact for student academic matters, including attendance, performance, and welfare (with referral where appropriate)
- Contributing to the organisation and development of specific areas of the curriculum in Qur’anic Studies
- Gathering and responding to feedback from students and colleagues to enhance teaching quality

The postholder will be expected to maintain the highest standards of teaching and contribute to the faculty’s academic mission through thoughtful curriculum development and student engagement.

### 3. Research Expectations

The Fellow will be expected to:

- Conduct sustained and original research in Qur'anic Studies
- Publish in leading peer-reviewed journals and academic presses
- Contribute to scholarly discourse at an international level
- Present research findings at conferences and academic forums
- Develop research initiatives, including collaborative and interdisciplinary projects
- Engage, where appropriate, with academic networks

The Centre welcomes applications from candidates working in all areas of Qur'anic Studies, including (but not limited to):

- Tafsīr and exegetical traditions
- Qur'anic philology and linguistics
- Manuscript studies and textual history
- Reception history and hermeneutics
- Thematic and literary approaches to the study of the Qur'an
- Comparative and interdisciplinary approaches

### 4. Selection Criteria

The successful candidate will demonstrate the following:

#### Essential

- A doctoral degree in Qur'anic Studies or a closely related field
- Strong command of classical Islamic sources in the original languages
- Proven ability to teach both undergraduate and graduate students to a high standard
- A record of research and publication commensurate with career stage, demonstrating international quality
- Depth and breadth of knowledge sufficient to design and deliver courses in Qur'anic Studies
- Familiarity with classical and contemporary scholarship in the field
- Experience of research methodologies and analytical techniques
- Strong communication, organisational, and interpersonal skills
- Commitment to contributing to the academic life of both the Centre and the Faculty

#### Desirable

- Experience in securing research funding
- Evidence of interdisciplinary or collaborative research
- Experience supervising postgraduate research students
- Engagement with broader academic or public scholarship initiatives

## 5. Application Process

Applications should include:

- A cover letter addressing how the candidate meets the selection criteria
- A detailed curriculum vitae, including list of publications
- The names of three referees, who should be asked to submit references directly

Applications should be sent by email to:

The Assistant Registrar  
Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies  
Marston Road  
Oxford OX3 0EE  
Email: [recruitment@oxcis.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@oxcis.ac.uk)

**Closing date: 25 July 2026**

Shortlisted candidates may be asked to submit samples of written work in advance of interview.

## Interview Process

Candidates invited for interview will be required to:

- Deliver a 20-minute presentation on their research to a specialist audience
- Discuss their teaching experience and pedagogical approach
- Present an outline of a proposed Master's-level course in Qur'anic Studies

Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed. Appointment is subject to the right to work in the UK.

## 6. Background to the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

Established in 1985, the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies is incorporated by Royal Charter. Its Patron is HM King Charles III.

The Centre is dedicated to the advancement of scholarship on Islam and the Muslim world through teaching, research, and publication. Its Fellowship includes scholars from a wide range of disciplines, including history, classical Islamic sciences, theology and religion, anthropology, development studies, and science and technology.

The Centre supports an active publications programme, including the *Journal of Islamic Studies*, published by Oxford University Press since 1990.

Its library contains approximately 49,000 volumes and 360 manuscripts and is fully integrated into the Oxford University's library system (SOLO).

The Centre is housed in purpose-built premises on Marston Road, Oxford.

## **7. Background to the Faculty of Theology and Religion**

The Faculty of Theology and Religion is a leading centre for the study of religion, bringing together textual, historical, philosophical, and interdisciplinary approaches.

It provides an exceptional academic environment characterised by:

- The tutorial system and small-group teaching
- Extensive library and archival resources
- A strong interdisciplinary research culture
- A diverse international student body

Qur'anic Studies forms an important component of the faculty's engagement with Islamic and comparative religious scholarship.

## **8. Terms and Conditions**

Appointments to Fellowships at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies are made by the Director. Fellows are accountable to the Director for the proper discharge of their responsibilities in line with the Centre's mission: to promote high standards of scholarship in teaching, research, publication, and other activities which contribute to a more informed understanding of the culture and civilization of Islam and of Muslim societies.

All appointments are subject to the relevant and current provisions of the policies of the Centre.

## **9. Equality and Diversity**

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies is committed to equality of opportunity and to ensuring that all candidates are treated fairly. Selection is based solely on merit and the criteria relevant to the post.